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**STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c)**

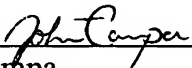
Dear Sir:

Original claims 1-22 are pending in the above-identified reissue application. Patentees have amended original claims 1, 6, 8, 14 and 21. Original claims 2-5, 7, 9-13, 15-20 and 22 have not been amended and no new claims have been added. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 8 can be found at col. 4, lines 39-41 and FIG. 10 in the above-identified patent upon which this reissue application is based. Support for the amendments to claims 6, 14 and 21 can be found at col. 4, lines 47-55 and FIG. 10 in the above-identified patent upon which this reissue application is based. Accordingly, Patentee submits that no new matter has been added.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the above-identified reissue application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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